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SUBA: SECRETARY' S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT: PORTION
ON LEBANON (1972)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE, FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF
SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT DEALING WITH LEBANON.
QUOTE:

LEBANON' S SPECIAL ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS REFLECTED IN
THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS GROWN UP BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES OVER THE YEARS. ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE, ITS FREE
POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, AND ITS KEY ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHI-
CAL POSITION IN THE REGION MAKE THE COUNTRY A NATURAL
BRIDGE BETWEEN THE ARAB WORLD AND THE WEST. DURING THE
YEAR SEVERAL OCCASIONS AROSE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO
REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR LEBANON' S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRI-
TORIAL INTEGRITY.

AS A RESULT OF FEDAYEEN RAIDS AND ISRAELI RIPOSTES, THE
SECURITY SITUATION ON THE LEBANESE- ISRAELI BORDER
DETERIORATED SHARPLY UNTIL THE FALL OF 1972 WHEN THE
LEBANESE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED EFFECTIVE CONTROLS OVER
FEDAYEEN ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. SINCE THAT TIME
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THE LEBANON- ISRAEL BORDER HAS BEEN MORE STABLE, AND NO FURTHER BORDER INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1972. LEBANON ALSO IMPROVED ITS RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IN APRIL LEBANON ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE VITALITY OF ITS DEMOCRACY IN THE ELECTION OF THE PRESENT 99- MAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. THE CHAMBER IS REPRESENTED BY 22 PAGES, INCLUDING THREE PAGE CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS. INTRODUCTION NOTES MULTITUDE OF REGIONAL DISPUTES IN AREA, BUT EMPHASIZES US INTEREST IN PROMOTING A JUST PEACE FOR ALL AND HELPING TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH NATION- BUILDING AND ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL PROGRESS CAN TAKE PLACE. KEY TO SUCH PROGRESS IS PEACE AND STABILITY.

5. AFTER DISCUSSION OF ARAB- ISRAEL SITUATION AND LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS EVEN INTERIM SETTLEMENT, REPORT NOTES THE DELETERIOUS AND DAMAGING EFFECT OF TERRORISM ON PEACE HOPES. US POSITION ON TERRORISM SUMMED UP IN WORDS; " WHATEVER THE ROOTS OF TERRORISM - AND WE RECOGNIZE IT IS OFTEN THE ABERRANT OUTGROWTH OF DEEP FRUSTRATIONS - NO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT CAN PERMIT ITS POLICIES TO BE INFLUENCED BY THE ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL OUTLAWS."

6. FOLLOWING COUNTRY- BY- COUNTRY REVIEW OF ARAB STATES AND EASTERN MED, REPORT LOOKS AT ARABIAN PENINSULA, GULF AND IRAN. THIS SECTION WILL BE ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTO OF SECRETARY MEETING SHEIKH ' ISA OF BAHRAIN DURING SECRETARY' S PERSIAN GULF VISIT IN 1972, AND ONE OF CHEERING CROWDS GREETING PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE SHAW OF IRAN IN TEHRAN DURING THE PRESIDENT' S VISIT THERE.

7. SOUTH ASIA ALSO RECEIVES CONSIDERATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS, ALTHOUGH EACH COUNTRY RECEIVES INDIVIDUAL MENTION IN THE TEXT.

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